

Summary of Joint Village/Town Parks Meetings and Their Discontinuation

- 2/22/2005 Lueschow review Village Parks current programs and future projects; annual operating budget averages \$90,000/annum and \$20,000/annum has been established for poolhouse
- Kempfer-Disch reviewed the budget to develop a Parks Plan and anticipated approval of an annual budget for the Parks Commission thereafter
- Discussion of possible equalization of pool passes cost to Town residents in exchange for contributions to poolhouse
- 5/12/2005 Discussion took place regarding a Town Sinking Fund of \$20,000 for joint community projects—no details
- Discussion regarding the need for an additional playing field, possibly by the New Glarus Branch of the Monroe Clinic
- Preliminary results of the Town Parks Survey were discussed
- The Village Parks and Recreation members agreed to compile statistical data for Village Parks activities broken down by municipality
- The group mutually agreed that joint discussions were for the purpose of partnering on shared capital expenses and as a means to expand current programming
- 9/14/2005 Mielke shares statistics on Parks programming including use of the swimming pool that does not include participation sorted by municipality
- Lueschow reviewed projects and the associated costs including poolhouse (\$200,000), roof for park shelter (\$14,000), basketball court (\$20,000), gator style tractor (\$6,000), pool tunnel slide (\$10,000), new equipment (\$2,000), development of Hoesly Pond (no estimate)
- 12/11/2006 Lueschow stated that the Village has accumulated enough money to pay Strand and Associates for their design of the poolhouse, but construction will be delayed one to two more years to accumulate more money
- Discussion of Hoesly Pond development including the use of UW students to develop design suggestions
- \$120,000 is the 2007 operating budget for Village Parks and Recreation
- Discussion of possible joint sports complex between the NG School District, Village, and Town on property recently acquired by the School District by the New Glarus branch of the Monroe Clinic

- Discussion of Riverwalk Project: the Village has completed streambank improvement in Backtown and is interested in developing a path along the Little Sugar River; the Town has set aside some funds for trails and is willing to work cooperatively with the Village
- 1/18/2007 Discussion of Hoesly Pond design; Lueschow stated that members of the Town Parks would be welcome to attend the meeting with UW students
- Lueschow shares his Vision and Planning Draft
- Discussion regarding dedicated park land in annexed Neuchatel property
- The Town offers \$6,000 in its Community Projects Sinking Fund for the poolhouse project which Lueschow now estimates to cost between \$300,000 and \$1,000,000.
- Discussion of Request for Proposal; the Village has set aside about \$73,000 for the design
- Lueschow states that he would be disappointed if the Town does not make a substantial contribution to the poolhouse project without defining what that figure might be
- Lueschow agrees to share statistical data with Mahoney regarding population figures and pool usage so that she can conduct research regarding costs to communities of like size for similar renovations
- The next meeting will occur when the RFP process has begun or either Chair makes a request
- 3/14/2007 Town Parks Commission minutes indicate that Chair Seward was asked to send the Village of New Glarus Parks and Recreation Committee a letter outlining use of Community Projects Sinking Fund money for the poolhouse project beyond Seward's conversation with Zweifel
- 5/10/2007 Mahoney reports at a regular Town Parks Commission meeting that Strand and Associates presented a design for the poolhouse at the Village Parks and Recreation meeting
- 6/13/2007 Mahoney reports that Nic Owen stated there were no new updates from the RFP for the poolhouse and that Lueschow would like a rendering of the building to be created so that fundraising could occur
- 7/08/2007 An agenda for a joint meeting on September 11, 2007 with the Village Parks and Recreation Committee was discussed and created at the regular Town Parks Commission meeting
- Members at the regular meeting questioned how the estimated cost of the poolhouse had increased to \$539,000 from the original estimate of \$200,000

Talarczyk stated at the regular meeting that specifics regarding the poolhouse project and participation by the Town would be required prior to releasing collected Impact Fees or Sinking Fund money

9/05/2007 A reply to the Town Parks' request for a joint meeting from Nic Owen was discussed which proposed a Recreation District

Mahoney sent Owen the following reply:

The subject of a joint recreation district is a brand new issue and is very different than anything that we have been discussing either amongst ourselves or between the two groups. The backing for this idea would come from the Town Board, not the Parks Commission. We asked for the attendance of Erwin and Keith at the requested joint meeting so if you wished to broach the subject of a joint recreation district, it could be added to the agenda. It would seem that you would wish to have a preliminary discussion before you would prepare and present a drafted agreement.

Our primary interest in having a joint meeting is to review/discuss the proposed pool house. At our last joint meeting in January, we agreed that the next joint meeting would be scheduled when the Request for Proposal had begun or unless either Chair requested a meeting prior. At that meeting, Town Park's members expressed a strong desire to support, and participate in, the Village's efforts. To date, there has been no communication from the Village other than Rita Mahoney attending the Village meetings as a member of the public and passing along information to the Parks Commission. With the recent negative public input and perhaps a change in status of objectives, we would like to discuss this issue together.

As a secondary agenda item, we would like to get your input on the background of the tennis courts since several Town residents have expressed their dissatisfaction over the Village's recent decision to remove the tennis courts.

Other items of mutual interest could also be discussed...any new information on Hoesly Pond or as mentioned above, a preliminary discussion of the recreation district if Erwin and Keith are present.

We would appreciate receiving proposed alternative dates to consider since our suggested date of September 11 doesn't work for you.

According to the August Village Parks and Recreation minutes the Town would not be able to participate in the proposed Parks District until the Town

contributed funds to the Village based upon Equalized Valuation; the suggestion had come from Nic Owen, the Village Attorney, and Erwin Zweifel